

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 21, 2021

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the Benton Consolidated High School Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel and Marci Glover. Board member absent: Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; and student council representative.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Negotiation Matters

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Negotiation Matters. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:02 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:02 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Board Member absent: Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giaccone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary; Andy Sloan, Faculty Member and Student Council Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes:

(a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 15, 2020

(b) Tax Levy Hearing Minutes, December 15, 2020

5.2 Approve Financial Report (December 2020)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (December 2020)

5.4 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates-Press Plus Issue 106

5.5 Review/Approve District Seniority List (ENCL A)

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor –no, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of the Board Policies from Press Plus Issue 106 and a copy of ENCL A have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson gave updates on the following:

- Construction projects
- Enrollment: 94 students fully remote
- Staff out with COVID: 0
- River to River Conference
- Illinois Phase 4
- State/Federal Funding
- Curriculum: Committee Meeting & Graduation Requirements
- Vending Contract

Graduation has been set for Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel (ENCL B) Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Maternity Leave Request from Alyssa Williams as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Leave Request from Aaron Robinson as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Zach Wilson as an assistant wrestling coach for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the resignation from Tristan House as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Angie Crawford's request to reduce her summer 2021 days by 5 days. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Mark Minor made a motion to post the position of part-time CNA Teacher for the 2021-22 School year as available. Robin Labuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to post the position of part-time Foreign Language Teacher for the 2021-22 School year as available. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to post the position of Webmaster as available for the remainder of the 2020-21 School year as available. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Modification to Extra-Curricular Eligibility Requirements Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the modification to extra-curricular eligibility requirements as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve The Women's Center, Inc. Network Agreement

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9.5 Review/Approve 2020-2021 Amended School Calendar Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve amended 2020-21 school calendar as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this calendar has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS Robin LaBuwi questioned staff eligibility for Covid vaccines.

Mark Dyel questioned remote learning being a part of our future.

11. ADJOURNMENT Robin LaBuwi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY